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COUNTY RECORDS,

BEING A CALENDAR OF OLD
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COUNTY MUNIMENT ROOM,
And an INDEX TO THE . . .
DOCUMENTS CONTAINED IN
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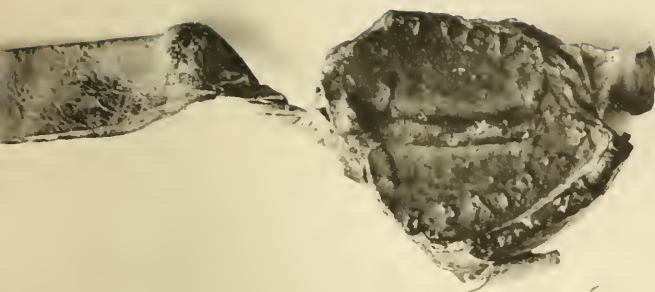
VOLUME III.

The Calendar of Deeds was compiled by Messrs. HARDY & PAGE.

COUNTY RECORDS COMMITTEE.

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County Alderman the Rev. Paul Williams Wyatt (*Chairman*).

Omibus S^{te} Mat^{is} Eccl^{ie} filiis ad q^{os} presens scriptum pervenit. Radus de Capulla et Eustacia Balles. V^{ir} eius sat in dno. Nouo
suasuras n^{re} nos diuine pietatis incurat et pro Radus amodo n^{re} et pro anima Radus de Capulla fili n^{ost} dedisse et concessisse
et hac presenti carta n^{ra} confirmasse Deo et Eccl^{ie} S^{te} Marce et S^{te} Ead^uar^{ge} De B^undessa et Canonici ibide^m no^m suentibus illa
medietate manerū de Brecheb^ure quia Gilbertus Balles sibi retinuit eo tempore q^{uo} Eustacia filia suam de illa medietate mal^u retinuit
et toto Bolco de Grauenhull. In pura et p^{er}petua demolitiā habenda et tenenda in p^{er}petuum eide^m Canonici de nobis et de heredibus n^{ost}ris
libere et quiete p^{er}dictis et honorifice. In Bolco et plano. p^{er} et p^{er} pascuis. v^{ir}is et seminis. ad^us et may^{or}es. et locis omib^{us}. et omib^{us} lib^{er}atib^{us} et lib^{er}is colu^{re}
tudinibus ad p^{er}dictam Terrā p^{er}ueniend^u. Ab omⁿi seruitio et exactione seculari lib^{er}is et quiete. Et ego Ric^{ardus} de Capulla et Eustacia vxor mea et he^{re}
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omnes gentes. vt autē hec n^{ra} donatio concessio et confirmatio p^{er}petuū firmata sit robur optineat. Et presenti scripto et sigillis n^{ost}ris appo^{si}
tis confirmari. Et ali^{is} his. Bolco de Almar. Bolco filio ei. Radulfo fit eius p^{er}dicto. Et filio Radulfi. Et cū filio Radulfi. Et cū filio Radulfi. Et cū filio Radulfi.
Henricus de Bolkebi. Bolco de Bolkebi fit filio. Radulfo d^{omi}ni Marchiamat. Bolco de Bolkepus. G^{er}te el^{ig}it. Et cū filio Radulfi. Et cū filio Radulfi. Et cū filio Radulfi.



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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.



THE publication of this third volume is due to a fortunate accident. In a final sorting of documents and volumes in the Muniment Room an old brief bag was discovered under the stairs by one of the senior Clerks, the contents of which were at once shown by the Clerk of the Council to the Members of the County Records Committee. The Clerk and the Chairman of the Committee were of opinion, even from a cursory inspection, that the value of some of the documents was sufficient to warrant the expense of expert advice, and the whole of the bundles were accordingly handed over to Messrs. Hardy and Page. Their report confirmed the suspicion, and the Committee further ordered the translation of several documents, especially those contained in A. to D. The most valuable find is that marked D., which has been photographed, a framed copy being hung in the Common Room. Other bundles contain matter of much local and national interest.

The first Bundle (p.p. 9-28) contains a number of Deeds which apart from other points of interest, illustrate the open field system of farming, under which, up to the middle of the 18th century, fully half the land of Bedfordshire was cultivated.

The arable land of the village farm was divided generally into three, more rarely into two, fields. These are the *cultura*. Of the three arable fields one in each year was tilled for wheat or rye : another was under spring crops, such as barley, oats, pease or beans : the third lay fallow. It was therefore necessary that each partner in the farm should have a portion of his holding in each of the fields. But equal conditions could only be secured by a further division. In order that each partner might share in equal proportion the good, bad and indifferent land, the holdings were cut up into strips, and scattered all over each field.

It will be seen that William Hodgkyns (No. 3) held, in 1506, 17 acres of arable land in 18 separate parcels; and that Reynold Squyer (No. 7) held, in 1520, $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres in 11 separate parcels.

The sub-division was effected thus. Each of the three great arable fields was made up of a number of parts, called by various names in different parts of the country, and apparently known in Bedfordshire as "furlongs." In theory, each furlong was a square of 40 poles containing 10 acres; in practice the size and shape varied. Breadths of rough unploughed turf, known by a number of provincial names, of which "balks" were most common, divided the furlongs from one another. Two sides of each furlong were always parallel, and the whole area was cut up into parallel strips corresponding to the ridges and furrows of a ploughed field. These strips, if they consisted of one acre were 220 yards in length by 22 yards (4 rods) broad. They might consist of a larger or smaller area; but the length was the same, being the furrow length of the furlong. It was the width which varied. Thus a 2-acre strip would be 8 rods; a half-acre, 2 rods; a quarter-acre, 1 rod, in width. It is these strips that William Hodgkyns grants in 1506, and that Reynold Squyer sells in 1520.†

These intermixed strips of arable land are called by a great variety of local names. In Bundle No. 1 they are spoken of as "selions" (Lincolnshire; "lands" (Notts.); "balks" (Cambs.); "ridges" (the "rigs" or "riggs" of Scotland and Northumberland). It therefore seems that no one term was peculiar to Bedfordshire,

Any portions of land which did not fit in with the parallel arrangement of the furlong were called by various names. "Pyghtel" seems in Bedfordshire to be the most common term. "Gore" also appears ("Gore Hedge" as in Kensington Gore.) When the strips were cut short in length by encountering some natural obstacle or boundary, these stunted portions were called "butts" (as in Newington Butts.)

In No. 20 it will be noticed that Thomas Anglissaye sells in 1579 a headland. In the common cultivation of the village farm, each partner turned the plough on the headland. The plough in use was a cumbrous implement, drawn by a team of from six to eight oxen, and so long as to necessitate that sinuous approach which has left its mark on many of our old grasslands. Headlands could only themselves be ploughed, when every man had done his own ploughing. They were consequently often left in grass as rough pasture, subject to the right of each partner in the season of ploughing to turn on them. Not infrequently, they changed hands separately from the arable land which they served. Of this practice this sale seems to have been an instance.

Of Bedford surnames we have constant mention of the Basterfelds, or Baskerfields, who survived to recent times. These are believed to represent the once powerful Baskervilles, just as the Trollys, who

†NOTE.—An interesting copy of a map (1849) of the Temple and Tofte Estates in Sharnbrook, now in the possession of County Councillor Whitworth, illustrates this system.

dwindled to one small and humble family locally, are reputed to be the de Traillys. Again, we get the Impies, Hawes, and Bamforths, and Ursula Taylor, widow, who made many local charitable bequests. Of street and site names and customs the most interesting are Shepyschepynge alias Angel Street, running north from St. Pauls' Square in Bedford; Butcher-row, facing the New Corn Exchange; the Maidenhead, in High Street; the Stonehouse or town prison; St. Loid's as a variant of S. Loyes, running from the north end of White-horse street to the boundaries of the Grey Friars; St. Leonards' Fair; and the transfer of rights of fishery and rush-beds in the Ouse. One Balke or Baulke existed in Bedford, in the memory of several older inhabitants, at the back of old "Waterloo," which was demolished for the laying out of the modern villas on the Embankment.

Interesting ecclesiastical references to dates and holidays occur such as the 'Saturday after the Feast of St. Edward the King.'

It is not proposed to issue any further volume of County Records at present. The sorting and arranging of documents in the Muniment Room is now complete, with the exception of certain bundles of Sessions Rolls which are taken in hand and bound in volumes as occasion offers.

BEDFORDSHIRE DEEDS.

CALENDAR OF DEEDS.

BUNDLES I. TO IX.

CALENDAR OF DEEDS.

BUNDLE I.

Deeds etc., relating to Wottonhull, Pynnokesend, Wroxhill and Marston Moreton.

- No. 1. **11 June, 1306.**—Grant by Phillip, son of William the Clerk, of Wroxhull, to Thomas Aspelon of the same, and Margaret his wife, of a selion of land on Wottonhull.*
- No. 2. **A.D. 1359.**—Grant by John Pynnok, of Oversshelton, to John Everard of Pynnokesende, and Ida his wife, of lands and tenements in the fields and hamlet of Pynnokesend.**
- No. 3. **8 May, 1506.**—Grant by William Hogdkyns of Wroxhyll in the parish of Marston Mortyen, to Thomas Odell, Reginald Agnus Dei, John a Slowe and Reginald Squyer, of a messuage and land lying in the fields of Wroxhyll aforesaid, one acre and a half of which lies at Harlottys Hegge between the lands late of Master Catesby, esquire, § on the north, and the land of John Dyve, esquire, on the south, and one rood lies upon Wroxhyll Hyll between the land of the said John Dyve on the west and the land of Reginald Agnus Dei on the east, and one rood of land lies upon Wroxhill Hill between the land of William Leventhorp on the west and the land of Reginald Agnus Dei on the east, and also one rood lies upon Wotton Hyll between the land of Reginald Agnus Dei on the east and the land late of John Cooke on the west, and also two “buttes” of arable land lie in Symplet Whyte between the land of Master Catesby, esquire, on the south, and the land late of John Cooke on the north, and two acres of arable land lie upon Pery Hyll between the land late of John Cooke on the north, and also half an acre lies upon Stokwell Hyll between the land of Thomas Odell on the east and the land late of John Cooke on the west, and one acre lies upon Stokwell Hyll

*See full translation A

**See full translation C.

§Magistri Catesby armigeri.

between the land of Master Catesby on the west and the land of John Dyve on the east, and three roods of land lie at Le Gore Hegge between the land of Thomas Odell on the north and the land late of John Cooke on the south, and also one acre lies by the way of Saint Laurence (*per riam Sancti Laurencii*) on the east and the land of Master Cornwales on the south and the land of Master Catesby on the north; all which premises the said William Hogdkyns, together with John Pall and John Tayllor, now deceased, had of the gift of Thomas Squyer, of Wroxhill.

- No. 4. **8 October, 1517.**—Bond given by Thomas Archer of Litillyngton, husbandman, to Thomas Basterfeld.

[Seal.]

- No. 5. **10 October, 1517.**—Lease by William Avy, Chaplain, Richard Browne of Shelton in the parish of Marston, and Thomas Stowe, to Thomas Basterfeld of Wroxhill in the parish of Marston, John Wodell and John Wheler, of Marston, and Thomas Wheler, of Cranfeld, of premises in Pynmokys End in Marston and in Wroxhill.

- No. 6. **16 October, 1517.**—Release by Richard Browne of Shelton in the parish of Marston, and Thomas Archer of Litillyngton, to Thomas Basterfeld of Wroxhill in the same parish, John Wodell and John Wheler, of the same and Thomas Wheler, of Cranfeld, of all their right, title and claim to premises lying in Pynmokys Ende in Marston and land in Wroxhill.

[Seal and portion of Seal].

- No. 7. **20 December, 1520.**—Sale by Reynold Squyer of Marston Morteyn to Thomas Basterfeld, of the same, of premises in Wroxhill in the parish of Marston between the messuage of Master Denny on the west and a close of Reynold Agnus Dei on the east, and seventeen acres of arable land lying in divers parcels within the fields of Wroxhill, as appears by a "terrior" annexed.

[The terrier]:—*In primis*, one acre lies upon Ly Hill between the lands of John Dive on the east and the lands of Thomas Catesby on the west; two acres lie upon West Hill with the lands of Master Baron on each side; two acres lie in the cultivated land [*cultura*] which extend to the chapel of Saint Laurence between the lands late of the Lady Joan Broughton on the north and the lands of Thomas Catesby on the south; one acre lies upon Ly Pytt Furlong between the lands of the said Thomas Catesby on the north, and the lands of John Cornewalys on the south; half-an-acre lies in Stonylonde between the lands of Master Baron on the east, and those of Thomas Lylyott on the west; one rood there abuts upon Rugges Lane between the lands late of Master Baron on the east and those of the said Thomas Lylyott on the west; another rood there lies between the land of the said Thomas Lylyott on the east and those of Reginald Agnus Dei on

the west ; half an acre there lies with the lands of the Prioress of Harold on each side ; one acre and a half lie at Harlottes Hege between the lands of Master Catesby on the north and those of John Dive on the south ; one rood lies upon Wroxhill Hill between the lands of the said John Dive on the west and those of Reginald Agnus Dei on the east ; two roods there lie between the lands of Master Baron on the west and those of the said Reginald Agnus Dei on the east ; one rood lies upon Wotton Hyll between the lands of the said Reginald on the east and those of Master Denny on the west ; two " butts " lie in Simplett Whyte between the lands of Master Catesby on the south and Master Denny on the north ; half-an-acre lies upon Stokwell Hyll between the lands of Thomas Odell on the east and the lands of Master Denny on the west ; one acre lies between the lands of Thomas Catesby on the west and those of John Dive on the east ; three roods lie upon Gore Hege between the lands of Thomas Odell on the north and those of Master Denny on the south ; two acres lie upon Pery Hyll with the lands of Master Denny on each side ; and two acres lie at Bery Stede with the lands of Thomas Catesby on each side.

[Portion of Seal.]

- No. 8. **21 December, 1520.**—Grant by Reginald Squyer of Marston Morteyne to Thomas Basterfeld, Thomas Long, William Wheler, and Thomas Mowse, of a messuage and croft, and all his lands and hereditaments (unspecified) in Wroxhill and Marston, to the use of the said Thomas Basterfeld.

[Seal.]

- No. 9. **31 December, 1520.**—Release by the said Reginald Squyer to the said Thomas Basterfeld, Thomas Long, William Wheler and Thomas Mowse, to the use of the said Thomas Basterfeld, his heirs and assigns, of all his right, title and claim to the said premises in Wroxhill and Marston.

[Seal.]

- No. 10. **10 September, 1521.**—Release by Thomas Archer of Lytlington, husbandman, to Thomas Basterfeld of Wroxhill, husbandman, of all actions, etc.

[Seal.]

- No. 11. **11 October, 1562.**—Grant by Sir Richard Rede of Redbourne in the County of Hertford, knight, to William Rambridge of Wroxhyll in the parish of Marston Morteyn in the County of Bedford, weaver, of a messuage called Lemans, a parcel of land called Legattes Pyghtell, and other lands and premises in Wroxhill, all which premises lie next the highway there leading towards the town of Bedford on the north. (Very detailed bounds follow among which the following names occur :—Lands called " a Slade," Lye Mead, Gore Hedge in Postencrossefeld, Tybbe Mead, Westhyll, Stokwelbye, Ridgewey.)

[Signature and Seal.]

- No. 12. **8 April, 1563.**—Bond given by William Rambridge of Wroxhill in the parish of Marston Morteyn, weaver, to Richard Basterfeld, of the same, as to premises in Wroxhill.
[Signature and Seal.]
- No. 13. **20 April, 1572.**—Sale by William Bowrne, of Marston Morteyne, yeoman, to Richard Baskerfeld of Wroxhill in the same parish, of a piece of arable land in the fields of Wroxhill in the parish of Marston, three acres of which lie together in Postencrofeld called Westhill, two acres in the same field lie upon the furlong (*Stadiu*) called Harlehill, two acres lie in le Lytle Feld of Wroxhill with a “baulke” lying upon the furlong called Perry Hill, two acres lie in the east field upon the hill called Sillingehill, and two acres in the same field upon the furlong called Ravenynge
- No. 14. **20 April, 1572.**—Bond given by the said William Bowrne of Marston Morteyne, yeoman, to the said Richard Baskerfeld.
[Seal.]
- No. 15. **20 January, 1573-4.**—Release by William Marshall of Newport in the county of Buckingham, blacksmith, and Agnes Basterfeild of Crowley in the said county, single-woman, to Richard Basterfeild of Merston Mortayne in the county of Bedford, husbandman, of all actions, etc.
[Signature and Seals.]
- No. 16. **5 August, 1574.**—Sale by George Fysshe, of Southill, gentleman, and William Godfrey, to Richard Basterfelde of Marston Morton, husbandman, of land called Roxstons in Estende in the parish of Cranfelde next the land and . . . there called Lye Hill in the parish of Marston with a lane called Lodge Lane and a field called Portenall Felde on the south, and next a close of John Odelle, “de le F.....” called Stockinges on the west, a grove called Leywsey, a pitell called Flaxmore, and a grove of wood called the Quene’s Grove on the north; and also of a close called Brodemedegreenclose in Borneende in the parish of Cranfeld next a close called Redlondes Mede on the north and a close late of William Wheler on the south late belonging to the monastery of Ramsey in the county of Huntingdon; and of a pitell of land in Wroxhill abutting on the north upon the common “le Grene” called Coxe Crofte Grene, and of twelve acres of land in the fields of Wroxhill, three acres of which are called Coxe Crofte and lie next a close called Wassingheleys on the north, and one acre thereof lies in the field called Lye Felde, and one piece of land thereof lies in the field called Posterne Crosse Felde, upon a furlong called (?) Coldoune Furlong, and another acre thereof lies in the same field upon a furlong called Longlondfurlong; and four acres thereof lie severally in another field called Mangewoodfeilde, that is to say, half an acre upon a . . . called Harlottes Hedge Furlong, one rood in the same field upon

Waterplassefurlong, two roods lie upon Stonelondfurlong, half an acre upon Wroxhill Hillfurlong, one rood in the same field upon Horsepolefurlong; a parcel of land thereof called a Thirddendale lies upon Stoneylondfurlong at Ruggeslane Ende abutting upon the common way there; two half acres on the same Stoneylondfurlong, two pieces of land called Thirddendales lying upon Mangewoodfurlong, and a parcel of meadow called Southmeade, another parcel of meadow called "a pole of mede," with all and singular buildings, etc., commons, wastes, furze and heath, moors, waters, fisheries, fishings, profits, etc.

No. 17. **[Saturday after the Feast of St. Edward the King] 1575.**
—Receipt by Reginald Squyer, of Marston Morteyn, of the sum of 40s. paid to him by Thomas Basterfeld, of the same, for lands in Wroxhill in the parish of Marston.

No. 18. **20 June, 1578.**—Sale by William Wolhed, of Marston Morten in the county of Bedford, yeoman, to George Wodercroft of land in Ashebrok in the parish of Marston aforesaid.

No. 19. **20 June, 1578.** Copy of deed of sale by William Wolhed, of Marston Moreten, husbandman, to George Wodercroft of Wotton, labourer, of land in Ashbrok in the parish of Marston aforesaid.
[Bounds given.]

17 September, 1578.—Copy of deed of sale by John Gostwick of Merston Moretaine, gentleman, to the same George Wodercroft of land in Ashbrook aforesaid. [Bounds given.]

19 September, 1578.—Copy of deed of release by Robert Gostwick of Merston Moretaine, gentleman, to the said George Wodercroft of all his right to the lands in the last deed.

No. 20. **12 June, 1579.**—Sale by Thomas Anglissaye of Wroxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine, yeoman, and William his son and heir, to Richard Basterfeild of the same, yeoman, of premises in the fields and parish of Marston, one acre of which lies upon Happerthorne Hill, one rood on Wotton Hill, the south head thereon abutting upon Gylden Hedlond, and the north upon the highway; three selions lying in Harlettes Hedge Furlong; another half acre, being a headland, lying under Wroxhill Hill; two selions lying on Wroxhill; one rood lying in Stoneyland furlong; four acres lying together, with a "bawlk" belonging, in the Lytle Feild of Marston; three selions lying at Gore Hedge in Postencrossefeld; and two acres in Lye Feild under Parkers Hedge, the south end thereof abutting on "the Broke" and the north head upon (?) Lemmans Hedge.

No. 21. **12th June, 1579.**—Sale by Thomas Anglissay of Wroxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine, yeoman, and William, his son and heir, to Richard Basterfeild of the same place, yeoman, of premises in Wroxhill. [Names and bounds given.]

[Signatures and seals.]

- No. 22. **12 June, 1579.**—Bond given by the said Thomas Anglyssaie and the said William his son, of Stevington, gentleman, to the said Richard Basterfeilde.
- No. 23. **21 June, 1580.**—Bond given by William Wolhed of Marston Morten, husbandman, to George Woderoff of Wotton, labourer, as to land in Ashebrok in the parish of Marston.
- No. 24. **9 June, 1582.**—Sale by Thomas Anglissay of Wroxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine, yeoman, and William his son and heir, to Richard Baskerfeild of the same, husbandman, of land in Wroxhill, one acre of which lies on Wroxhill Hill and one rood abuts upon the town land north, and three acres of meadow lie in Wyndmyll Feild in a meadow there called Lye Medowe. [Other bounds follow, but names of holders only are given.]
- No. 25. **9 June, 1582.**—Bond given by the said Thomas Anglissay and the said William his son, to the said Richard Baskerfeild.
[Seal.]
- No. 26. **12 August, 1589.**—Sale by Gilbert Stoughton, the younger, of St. Albans in the county of Hertford, yeoman, to Richard Basterfeld, the elder, of Marston Morteine, yeoman, of land in Wroxhill Field in Marston Morteine.
[Signature and portion of seal.]
- No. 27. **18 August, 1589.**—Sale by Thomas Impie of Marston Mortaine, yeoman, to Robert Basterfeilde of the same, yeoman, of land in the Eastfeild of Wroxhill, of which two roods lie on a furlong called Wroxhill Hill and one acre on Stonylande Furlong.
[Signature.]
- No. 28. **18 August, 1589.**—Bond given by the said Thomas Impey to the said Robert Basterfeilde.
[Signatures and seal.]
- No. 29. **19 January, 1589-90.**—Release by Thomas Bedells of Wotton in the county of Bedford, gentleman, son and heir of Thomas Bedells, late of the same, deceased, to Richard Basterfeilde of Marston Mortayne in the same county, yeoman, his heirs and assigns, of all his right, title and interest in thirteen acres and a half of arable land in the fields of Wroxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine, which the said Richard lately purchased from Thomas Anglissaye, late of Marston Mortaine, deceased, and from William Anglissaye, his son and heir.
[Signature and portion of seal.]
- No. 30. **19 January, 1589-90.**—Release by the said Thomas Bedells to Robert Basterfeild of Marston Mortaine, yeoman, of all his right,

title and interest in one acre and three roods of land in Wroxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine, which the said Robert lately purchased of Thomas Impie.

[Signature.]

- No. 31. **9 April 1590.**—Exchange of lands in Wroxhill in the parish of Marston Morteyn, between Thomas Catesby of Wiston in the county of Northampton, esquire, and Richard Basterfeilde of Marston Morteyne, yeoman.

[Signature.]

- No. 32. **9 April, 1590.**—Bond given by the said Thomas Catesbye to the said Richard Basterfeilde.

[Seal.]

- No. 33. **21 May, 1596.**—Bond given by Zachary Manne of Merston Morteine, labourer, to Thomas Basterfeilde of the same, yeoman, as to a parcel of land upon Lye Hill otherwise Windmill Hill in Marston Morteine.

- No. 34. **17 September, 1600.**—Sale by John Gostwick of Merston Morteine, gentleman, to George Woodcrofte of the same, labourer, of land at Ashbrook in the same parish, abutting on a pasture called Admersey Leas on the north.

[Signature and portion of seal.]

- No. 35. **17 September, 1600.**—Bond given by the said John Gostwick to the said George Woodcrofte.

[Signature and seal.]

- No. 36. **19 September, 1600.**—Release by Robert Gostwick of Marston Mortaine, gentleman, to George Woodcrofte, of the same, labourer, of all his right in land at Ashbrook, in the parish of Merston Mortaine.

- No. 37. **5 November, Elizabeth.**—Sale by Richard Impye of Marston Morteine, yeoman, to Richard Basterfeld of the same, yeoman, of land in a field called Posterne-crosse Felde* upon certain cultivated ground (*cultura*) there called Berystedeforlonge.

[Signature and seal.]

- No. 37a. **Same date.**—Bond of the said Richard Impie to the said Richard Basterfelde

- No. 38. Wroxhill Court Rolls of various dates fastened together.

EXTRACTS.

30 April, 1603.—Wroxhill Leet Court held for the honour of Glociter.** Presentments — Wroxhill. William Anglissaye, gentleman, for alienating land to Thomas Odle in the common

* See No. 46.

** Gloucester.

fields: Henry Edwards, yeoman, for the like to John Week, labourer: Richard Goldsmith for not scouring his ditch at North Mead. The water-course which comes from[†] Smithend "Lann" to Northmead Broucke to be scoured by the owners. The water-course which goes from Wooton Hill to Rownd Merhill ought to go, and from henceforth shall go, between two roods of the land of John Gostwick.

HOLCOTTE. John Stone for alienating land to John Vase.

23 October, 1604.—Wroxhill. Court Baron held there by George Catesby, esquire (lord of the said manor of Wroxhill within the parish of Marston Mortaine, Thomas Cheeny,* esquire being farmer of the said lordship.

Presentments—Various persons for not doing service: Thomas Bosworth, a free tenant of the lord, for alienating land in the fields of Wroxhill to William Cowley. Margaret Gostwicke, widow, holds of the lord a close called Alines, pitells called the Round Pitell, the Long-pitell and Ponoxend Pitell, a close called Times, a messuage, etc., called Asplons, a close called Old Humors otherwise Hunderpound Close.

Henry Edwardes holds of the lord land called Capods Acre.

†William Anglissay, gentlemen, holds of the lord a close called Fillerse.

Thomas Pearce holds of the lord a close called Richardsons.

Thomas Basterfeild holds of the lord a messuage, a close called Pinoxend Close, a "pitell" called Pinox End and arable land in the fields of Wroxhill.

Richard Basterfeild, one of the lord's free tenants, died since the last court. He held a messuage, a "pitell" called Legatts, and other land.

Richard Basterfeild, his nephew, holds by alienation of the said Richard a portion of the above land.

Thomas Basterfeild holds by alienation of the said Richard the elder, the pitell called Legatts and land belonging.

20 October, 1631 —WROXHILL. Court Baron held by George Catesby, esquire, lord of the manor.

The homage—Thomas Basterfeild, Roger Pearce, Thomas Impey, Richard Basterfeild, Richard Suger, Zachry Man, Richard Odell, William Wodcrafte, John Wodcrafte, Thomas Stokes, David Robinson, Edward Martin.

Presentments—The names of the free tenants of the manor.

Thomas Prior died since the last court, holding land in the Est Feild of the lord.

* "Choney" on the next page. †It is not certain to which of the two dates [1604 or 1631] these indented entries belong, but it is probable to the earlier date

Henry Taylor died since the last court, holding land lying in Ashbroke Furlong of the lord.

Robert Basterfeild, son and heir of Thomas Basterfeild, holds by the alienation of his father, land in the field of Wroxhill, a messuage and close, a "pitell" called Penox and other land and a pitell called Legatts.

Zachary Man holds by alienation of the said Thomas, a close called Pinnox End Close.

William Gostwick holds by alienation of the said Thomas, land in the fields of Wroxhill.

No. 39. **21 May, 1605.**—Sale by Zacharye Manne of Marston Mortaine, labourer, to Thomas Basterfeilde of the same, yeoman, of one "sellion or land arable," being a head-land to a piece of land of four acres and parcel of the same piece, lying upon Lye Hill otherwise Windmill Hill in Marston Mortaine aforesaid, at the end of the said piece towards the south, between the said piece and the "Franchies Balke"; and also "eleven landes or ridges of the same piece." [Described].

No. 40. **28 May, 1614.**—Sale by Thomas Impey, the elder, and his son Thomas Impey, the younger, of Marston Mortaine, yeoman, to Thomas Basterfeilde of the same, yeoman, of a parcel of ground in Wroxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine, being the rickyard and part of the foreyard of a messuage in which Gilbert Pecocke dwells and of the ground and soil on which the said messuage "next unto the street" stands. [Bounds given.]
[Signatures and seals.]

No. 41. **25 August, 1614.**—Sale by Thomas Impey, the elder, of Marston Mortaine, yeoman, and Thomas Impey, the younger, of the same, to Richard Hawlsey otherwise Chambers, of the same, labourer, of a messuage in Roxhill in the same parish, next Coate on the west and the highway on the north.

No. 42. **3 November, 1615.**—Bond given by William Anglissay, the elder, of Marston Mortaine, yeoman, William his son, to William Gostwicke of the same, gentleman, as to lands called Stockwell in the Wroxhill end of Marston Mortaine.
[Signatures. Torn.]

No. 43. **3 November, 1615.**—Sale by William Anglissay, the elder, of Marston Mortaine, yeoman, and William Anglissay of the same, his son and heir, to William Gostwicke of the same, gentleman, of land called Stockwell in Wroxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine, with a common lane leading from Wroxhill to the chapel there on the north-east. [Other bounds given.]
[Signatures and seals.]

- No. 44. **18 November, 1615.**—Sale by William Anglesey of Marston Mortaine, gentleman, and William Anglesey his son and heir, of the same, to Gilbert Stoughton of Marston, gentleman, of premises 'in the post and crosse feild" ‡ of Marston Mortaine.
[Signatures.]
- No. 45. **Michaelmas 1616.**—Fine between William Gostwicke, gentleman, Gilbert Stoughton, the elder, and Roger Pearce, plaintiffs, William Anglissay, the elder, gentleman, and Elizabeth his wife, and William Anglissay, the younger, gentleman, deforciant, of land in Marston Mortayne and Wroxhill.
- No. 46. **11 November, 1616.**—Sale by Gilbert Stoughton, the elder, of Marston Mortayne, gentleman, to Thomas Basterfeilde of the same, yeoman, of land "in the post and crosse feild"§ of Marston Mortayne. [Bounds given.]
[Signature and seal.]
- No. 47. **18 September, 1617**—Release by Thomas Impey of Marston Mortaine, yeoman, and Thomas, second son of the said Thomas Impey, to Thomas Basterfeild of the same, yeoman, of all their right, title and interest in a parcel of ground lying on the Perihill and West Hill of Wroxhill.
[Signature and seals.]
- No. 48. **16 April, 1618.**—Sale by William Basterfeild of Wroxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine, husbandman, to Richard Tompkins otherwise Gregory of the same town, shepherd, of a cottage or tenement and ground in Wroxhill aforesaid. [Bounds given.]
[Signature.]
- No. 49. **21 April, 1618.**—Bond given by the said William Basterfeild to the said Richard Tompkins otherwise Gregory.
[Signatures.]
- No. 50. **19 October, 1622.**—Sale by William Robinson of Cranefeilde, husbandman, and Joane his wife, and Thomas Pearse of Litlington, labourer, to Humphrey Purriar of Cranefeild, yeoman, and Richard his son and heir, of premises in Marston Mortaine.
[Bounds given.]
- No. 51. **3 February, 1623-4.**—Bond given by Richard Tompkins otherwise Gregory of Wroxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine, labourer, to David Robinson of Meppersall, husbandman.
[Signature and seal.]

‡ See also Nos. 37, 46 and 54.

§ See also Nos. 37, 44 and 54.

No. 52. **25 April, 1628.**—Sale by Edward Saunders of Shelton in the parish of Marston Mortaine, miller, to Samuel Butler of Wroxhill in the same parish, labourer, of a cottage and ground in Wroxhill. [Bounds given.]

[Signature.]

No. 53. **25 April, 1628.**—Bond given by the said Edward Saunders to the said Samuel Butler.

No. 54. **25 June, 1630.**—Settlement made upon the marriage of Robert, son and heir of Thomas Basterfeild, of Wroxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine, with Mary, daughter of John Franklyn of Marston Mortheyne; the property includes a messuage and lands in Wroxhill, a close called Lye Mead and Legates, a close called Westhill, "pittels" called Barefoote's Pightell and Pynoxende Pightell, a close called Oldham, a meadow called Sowe Meade and other land lying in the field of Marston, called Mangehoewood Feild, arable land in a field called Broad Mead upon Perry Hill and upon Harlottes Hedge Furlong; arable land in the field of Marston called Lychill Feild; a close called Cock Croft; and a piece of ground in Posten Crosse Feild[‡]; all which premises are situated in the fields and parish of Marston Mortaine.

No. 55. **26 June, 1630.**—Indenture between the said Robert Basterfeild and the said Thomas Basterfeild, as to an annuity, etc., to be paid to the said Thomas out of the said lands.

[Signature].

No. 56. **26 June, 1630.**—Sale by the said Thomas Basterfeilde, yeoman, to the said Robert Basterfeilde, his eldest son, of certain "implementments of husbandry," etc. [Inventory attached.]

[Signature.]

No. 57. **8 May, 1632.**—Sale by William Gostwyck of Marston Morton, gentlemen, to John Farve of Flitwick, yeoman, of land called Stockwell in Wroxhill in the parish of Marston.

[Signature.]

No. 58. **16 November, 1636.**—Acknowledgment by Thomas Basterfeild of Marston Mortayn, yeoman, of the receipt of £20 from his son Robert, which the said Robert was to pay to him when his brother Richard should attain the age of sixteen years.

No. 59. **27 June, 1638.**—Sale by William Gostwicke of Marston Mortaine, gentleman, to Thomas Cooper otherwise Arnold, of Bedford, gentleman, of premises called Stockwell in Roxhill in the parish of Marston. [Bounds given.]

[Signature.]

[‡]See also Nos. 37, 44 and 46.

- No. 60. **10 January, 1639-40.**—Sale by William Gostwyke of Marston Mortayne, gentleman, and Susanna his wife, to Robert Basterfeild of the same, yeoman, of premises called Stockwell in Wroxhill in the parish of Marston. [Bounds given.]
[Signatures.]
- No. 61. **10 January, 1639-40.**—Bond given by William Gostwyke of Marston Mortayne, gentleman, to Robert Basterfeild of the same, yeoman, as to premises in Marston.
- No. 62. **18 January, 1639-40.**—Release by Thomas Cooper otherwise Arnald, of Bedford, gentleman, to Robert Basterfeild, of all his right in premises called Stockwell in Wroxhill in the parish of Marston Mortayne which the said Thomas bought of William Gostwyke of Marston, gentleman, 27 June, 1639.
[Signature and portion of seal.]
- No. 63. **20 January, 1639-40.**—Release by Roger Pearce of Flitwicke, yeoman, to Robert Basterfeild of Marston Mortayne, yeoman, of all his right, title and interest in premises called Stockwell in Wroxhill in the parish of Marston.
- No. 64. **19 March, 1639-40.**—Bond given by William Gostwyke of Marston Mortayne, gentleman, and Robert Basterfeilde of the same, yeoman, as to land called Stockwell in the parish of Marston Mortaine.
[Signature and seal.]
- No. 65. **20 May, 1640.**—Sale by Samuel Butler of Ridgemond in the county of Bedford, labourer, to Robert Baskerfeild, of a cottage with the appurtenances in Wroxhill between a field called Broadmeade Feild on the north-west, north and north-east, and a green lane there south-west and the highway south-east.
- No. 66. **20 May, 1640.**—Bond given by the said Samuel Butler to the said Robert Basterfeild.
- No. 67. **13 June, 1640.**—Sale by Robert Basterfeild of Marston Mortaine, yeoman, and Marie his wife, to Thomas Francklin and Mathias Franklin, of the same, yeomen, of premises in Wroxhill in the parish of Marston.
[Signature.]
- No. 68. **25 June, 1640.**—Exemplification of a recovery by Edmund Jones, gentleman, and Thomas Arnold, of premises in Marston.
[Fragments of seal.]
- No. 69. **9 July, 1640.**—Indenture between William Gostwick of Marston and Susan his wife, Robert Basterfeilde of Marston, yeoman, and Mary his wife, Thomas and Mathias Francklyn, yeomen, of

Marston, and Edmund Jones of Luton, gentleman, and Thomas Arnold of Amphill, yeoman, reciting deeds of the premises of 10th of January and 13th of June, and declaring the uses of a fine and recovery of premises called Stockwell at Wroxhill end in Marston and other premises in Wroxhill.

No. 70. **9 July 1640.**—Counterpart of the foregoing.

No. 71. **14 July, 1640.**—Sale by Thomas Francklin and Mathias Francklin of Marston Mortayne, yeomen, to Robert Basterfeild of Marston, yeoman, of lands and a tenement called Stockwell in Wroxhill in the parish of Marston, and other lands in the parishes of Marston and Cranfeild.

[Signatures.]

No. 72. **17 April, 1644.**—Sale by William Price of Stepingley in the county of Bedford, yeoman, and Nicholas Price of Marston Mortayne, yeoman, to Henry Francklin of Marston, yeoman, of a tenement and lands in Roxhill in the parish of Marston. [Bounds given.]

[Signature and seals.]

No. 73. **26 May, 1656.**—Grant by Gilbert Stoughton of Marston Mortaine, gentleman, to Robert Basterfield of the same, yeoman, of land in Wroxhill field in the parish of Marston, and grant by the same Robert to the same Gilbert of other land in the same place.

No. 74. **29 October, 1656.**—Sale by Thomas Basterfield of Marston Mortain, tailor, Roger Pearse of the same, yeoman, and Alice Basterfield of the same, widow, to David Robinson of the same, labourer, of premises called Parkers in Wroxhill in the parish of Marston and other premises on Westhill in the same place.

[Signatures.]

No. 75. **29 October, 1656.**—Bond of the said Thomas Basterfield, Roger Pearse and Alice Basterfield to David Robinson of Marston labourer, as to premises called Parkers, and others on Westhill in Marston.

[Signatures.]

No. 76. **Hilary, 1656-7.**—Fine between David Robinson, George Wheeler, Roger Pearce and Thomas Pearce, plaintiffs, and Thomas Basterfeild and “Dionis” his wife, Robert Basterfeild and Elizabeth his wife, and William Leatherland and Mary his wife, deforciantes, of land in Marston Mortaine Cranfeild.

No. 77. **6 February, 1664-5.**—Sale by David Robinson of Marston Mortayne, labourer, to Barnard Bread of Westoninge in the said county, yeoman, of premises in Wroxhill in the parish of Marston. [Bounds given.]

- No. 78. **10 April, 1664.**—Disentailing indenture between Thomas Impey of Marston Mortaine, yeoman, and Agnes Impey, widow, his mother, and John Skelton of the town of Bedford, cordwainer and James Hineckley, yeoman, and Robert Baskerville of Marston, yeoman, as to premises (described) in Wrothill.
- No. 79. **16 January, 1664-5.**—Mortgage by John Stavens of Cranfeild, yeoman, to Agnes Impey of the same, widow, and Thomas Impey of the same, yeoman, of premises in Wrothill in the parish of Marston Mortaine.*
- No. 80. **16 January, 1664-5.**—Bond given by the said John Stavens of Cranfeild, yeoman, to the said Thomas Impey as to premises in Wrothill in the parish of Marston Mortaine.
- No. 81. **13 November, 1665.**—Sale by George Wootton of Marston Mortayne, husbandman, and Mary his wife, to David Robinson of the same, labourer, of land in Wrothill Feild in the parish of Marston.
- No. 82. **February, 1665-6.**—Fine between William Bonner, plaintiff, and William Lake and Susan his wife, William Gregory and Mary his wife, Mathias Tompkins, and Sarah his wife, Marcus Goodbody and Ann his wife, Joan Goodbody, widow, and George Wootton and Mary his wife, deforciant, of premises in Flitton, Flitwicke, Litlington and Marston Mortayne.
- No. 83. **10 April, 1666.**—Indenture between William Bonner of Flitton, carpenter, and Edward Blowfield of Flitwicke, gentleman, and William Ballard of Litlington, labourer, and David Robinson of Marston Mortaine, labourer, and James Wootton of the same, husbandman, and Mary his wife, declaring the uses of a fine levied in Hilary last past, of premises in Flitton, Eastend, in the parish of Flitwicke, Haydon Field in Litlington, and in Wrothill Field in the parish of Marston Mortaine.
- No. 84. **1 January, 1667-8.**—Lease by Elizabeth Baskerville of Marston Mortayne, widow, to William Stafford of Cranfeild, husbandman, of lands and premises in Marston.
- No. 85. **6 October, 1679.**—Mortgage by John Stevens of Rockshill in the parish of Marston Morton, yeoman, to William Andrew of Leborne in the parish of Mentmore in the county of Buckingham, husbandman, of lands in Marston Morton,
[Signature.]
- No. 86. **6 October, 1679.**—Bond given by the said John Stevens to the said William Andrew.

* See also 87 and 103.

- No. 87. **27 September, 1684.**—Indenture between Thomas Impey of North Crawley in the county of Buckingham, yeoman, and Sarah Varney of Eddlesborough in the county of Buckingham, widow, and William Andrewes of Tags End in the parish of Great Gaddesdon in the county of Hertford, being an assignment of premises (described) in Wroxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine, mortgaged 16 January, 1664-5.†
- No. 88. **27 September, 1684.**—Bond given by the said Sarah Varney to the said William Andrewes.
- No. 89. **19 April, 1686.**—Indenture leading to the uses of a fine, between John Jenever otherwise Gilliver of Newton in the Isle of Ely in the county of Cambridge, husbandman, and Jane his wife, co-heir of David Robinson, late of Marston Mortaine, labourer, and John Gilbert of Welwyn in the county of Hertford, miller, of premises (described) at Wroxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine.
- No. 90. **Easter, 1686.**—Fine between the said John Gilbert, plaintiff, and the said John Jenever otherwise Gilliver, and Jane his wife, deforciant, of the said premises.
- No. 91. **19 April, 1686.**—Bond Given by the said John Jenever otherwise Gilliver to the said John Gilbert.
- No. 92. **1 September, 1688.**—Lease by Thomas Baskerfeilde of Laighton Bussard, maltster, to Thomas Coote of Roxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine, of premises in Roxhill.
- No. 93. **22 April, 1690.**—Lease by Thomas Baskerfeild of Laighton Bussard, maltster, to Robert Maynard of Cranfeild, yeoman, of premises in Roxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine (named).
[Signature and seals.]
- No. 94. **22 April, 1690.**—Counterpart of the foregoing.
[Signature.]
- No. 95. **22 April 1690.**—Bond given by the said Robert Maynard to the said Thomas Baskerfield.
- No. 96. **3 November, 1692.**—Mortgage by George Woodcraft of Marston Mortaine, labourer, to Sarah Daniell of Lilly in the county of Hertford, spinster, of a cottage, etc., at Ashbrook in Marston Mortaine, and a close adjoining.§
- No. 97. **3 November, 1692.**—Bond given by the said George Woodcraft to the said Sarah Daniell.

† See also Nos. 79 and 103.

§ See also Nos. 99, 101, 109a and 109b.

- No. 98. **5 November, 1692.**—Lease by Thomas Baskerfield of Laighton Bussard, maltster, to Thomas Pierce of Marston, gentleman, of premises in Roxhill in the parish of Marston.
- No. 99. **5 January, 1693 4.**—Indenture between William Wood of Water Eton in the county of Buckingham, labourer, Sarah his wife (late Daniel), and George Woodcraft of Marston Mortaine, labourer, and Ann Crow of Reynold, widow; being an assignment of premises at Ashbrook in the parish of Marston Mortaine, mortgaged 3 November, 1692.‡
- No. 100. **5 January, 1693 4.**—Bond given by the said George Woodcraft to the said Anne Crow.
- No. 101. **3 April, 1699.**—Indenture between Anne Crow of Reynold, widow, and Elizabeth Beecher of Bow in the county of Middlesex spinster; being an assignment of premises at Ashbrook in the parish of Marston Mortaine, mortgaged 3 November, 1692.§
- No. 102. **28 September, 1704.**—Assignment by William Andrewes of Ledbourn in the parish of Mentmore, in the county of Buckingham, yeoman, to John Varney, brother and heir of William Varney, deceased, now of Market Streete in the parish of Coddington in the county of Hertford, of a deed of mortgage dated 6 October, 1679 (see No. 85) of premises (described) in Marston Morton.
- No. 103. **28 September, 1704.**—Indenture between the said William Andrewes and the said John Varney, being an assignment of premises in Wroxhill (named) in the parish of Marston Mortaine, mortgaged 16 January, 1664-5.†
- No. 104. **6 September, 1706.**—Mortgage by John Varney of Market Streete in the parish of Caddington in the county of Hertford, mealman, (brother and heir of William Varney, deceased, who was son and heir of Sarah Varney, deceased which said Sarah was one of the sisters and co-heirs of John Stevens of Roxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine, yeoman, deceased), to John Vaux of Holcott, yeoman, of premises, (described) in Roxhill.
- No. 105. **6 September, 1706.**—Counterpart of the foregoing.
- No. 106. **6 September, 1706.**—Bond given by the said John Varney to the said John Vaux.
- No. 107. **27 May, 1708**—Lease by Thomas Woodcraft of Cranfeild, yeoman, to Ambrose Reddall of Eversholt, gentleman, and William Parker of the same, gentleman, of a cottage, etc., in Ashbrooke in the parish of Marston Mortaine.

‡ See also Nos. 96, 101, 109a, and 109b.

§ See also Nos. 96, 99, 109a, and 109b.

† See also Nos. 79 and 87.

- No. 108. **28 May, 1708.**—Settlement upon intended marriage between Thomas Woodcraft of Cranfeild, yeoman, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Henry Duncombe, late of Cranfeild, bricklayer, deceased, of a cottage, etc., in Ashbrook in the parish of Marston Mortaine.
- No. 109. **4 June, 1708.**—Mortgage by Thomas Woodcroft of Cranfeild, yeoman, to Anthony Scott of Little Brickhill in the county of Buckingham, cordwainer, of premises in Marston Mortaine.
- No. 109a. **3 April, 1709.**—Indenture between Ann Crow of Reynold, widow, and Elizabeth Becher of Bow in the county of Middlesex, spinster, and the said Thomas Woodcraft, and the said Anthony Scott, being an assignment of premises at Ashbrook in the parish of Marston Mortaine and of other premises at Marston Mortaine, mortgaged 3 November, 1692.‡
- No. 109b. **3 May, 1716.**—Release by the said Anthony Scott to Robert Baskerfeild of Leighton Bussard, gentleman, and Edward Ashwell of the same, yeoman, of the premises referred to in the foregoing.
- No. 110. **4 June, 1708.**—Draft of the said lease by the said Thomas Woodcroft to the said Anthony Scott
- No. 111. **7 June, 1709.**—Articles of agreement between William Gilbert of Welwin in the county of Hertford, mealman, and Thomas Peirce of Marston Mortaine in the county of Bedford, yeoman. Premises in Wroxhill and Marston.
[Signature and seal.]
- No. 112. **20 October, 1709.**—Lease by John Gilbert of Lemsford Mill in the parish of Hatfield in the county of Hertford, miller, and Anne his wife, to Thomas Baskerfeild of Leighton Bussard, maltster, of premises in Wroxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine.
- No. 113. **21 October, 1709.**—Release by the said John Gilbert and Anne his wife, to the said Thomas Baskerfeild.
- No. 114. **21 October, 1709.**—Bond given by the said John Gilbert and Anne his wife, to the said Thomas Baskerfeild.
[Signature.]
- No. 115. **Martinmas, 1709.**—Fine between Thomas Baskerfeild and Edward Herbert, plaintiffs, and John Gilbert and Ann his wife, John Peeler and Elizabeth his wife, Susanna Mayes, widow, and John Mayes, deforciant, of premises in Marston Moretaine and Milton Bryan.

‡ See also Nos. 96, 99, and 101.

- No. 116. **20 January, 1709-10.**—Copy of conveyance by James Bisse of Cadicott Berry in the county of Hertford, doctor of physic, and Anne his wife, daughter and heir of George Pagner, late of the same, and Anne his wife, daughter of William Fayrie and niece of Henry Francklin, late of Littlington in the county of Bedford, yeoman, to William Hannell of Littlington, gentleman, of premises called Fryers in Battlesden End in the parish of Littlington, and also of premises in Wroxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine.
- No. 117. **December, 1710.**—Rough Memoranda as to William Varney's estate at Marston.
- No. 118. **February, 1710-11.**—Fine between Thomas Baskerfield, gentleman, and Thomas Peirson, plaintiffs, and William Varney and Katherine his wife, William Tuckey and Mary his wife, Elizabeth Morley, widow, William Peirson, and Edward Searc and Anne his wife, deforciant, of premises in Marston Moortaine and Stanbridge in the parish of Leighton Bussard.
- No. 119. **29 March, 1711-12.**—Indenture between John Vaux of Cranfield, yeoman, administrator of John Vaux, late of Holeott, William Varney of Tillsworth, gentleman (son and heir of John Varney, late of Markett Streete in the parish of Caddington in the county of Hertford, mealman, which said John Varney was brother and heir to William Varney, deceased), Thomas Baskerfield of Leighton Buzzard, gentleman, and Alden Fuller of Newton Longvile in the county of Buckingham, gentleman: being an assignment to the said Alden Fuller of premises (described) in Wroxhill, mortgaged 6 September, 1706 (see No. 104), in trust for the said Thomas Baskerfield.
- No. 120. **12 April, 1711.**—Lease by the said William Varney and Katherine his wife, and William Tuckey and Mary his wife, to the said Thomas Baskerfield of the premises as in No. 119.
[Signatures.]
- No. 121. **13 April, 1711.**—Release by the said William Varney and Katherine his wife, and the said William Tuckey of Tillsworth aforesaid, yeoman and Mary his wife, to the said Thomas Baskerfield, of the said premises at Roxhill in Marston Mortaine.
- No. 122. **3 July, 1711.**—Lease by Anne Hannell of Heath in the parish of Leighton Bussard, widow, and William Hannell, her son, of Littlington, yeoman, to Thomas Baskerfield of Leighton Bussard, gentleman, of premises in Wroxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine. [Bounds given]
- No. 123. **4 July, 1711.**—Release by the said Anne Hannell and the said William Hannell to the said Thomas Baskerfield of the said premises.
[Signature.]

No. 124. **5 July, 1711.**—Bond given by the said Ann Hannell, sometime the wife of Henry Francklin, of Littlington, the said William Hannell, and Thomas Hannell of Heath, yeoman, to the said Thomas Baskerfeild.

[Signatures.]

No. 125. **3 January, 1712-13.**—Mortgage by Thomas Woodcraft of Marston Mortaine, yeoman, and Elizabeth his wife, to Henry Wagstaffe and Thomas Favell, of Wilden, yeomen, of premises at Ashbrooke in Marston Mortaine.

No. 126. **3 January, 1712-13.**—Draft of the foregoing.

No. 127. **Hilary 1712-13.**—Fine between Ursula Taylor, widow, Henry Wagstaffe, John Miles, and Samuel Taylor, plaintiffs, and Mathew Woolhead and Anne his wife, Thomas Woodcraft and Elizabeth his wife, Thomas Margetts and Rachael his wife, and John Haseldine and Dorothy his wife, deforciant, of premises in Marston Mortaine, Wootton, Bigleswade, and the town of Bedford.

Nos. 128. **2 and 3 May, 1716.**—Lease and release by Thomas Woodcraft and 129. of Marston Mortaine, yeoman, to Robert Baskerfeild, of Leighton Bussard, gentleman, of a piece of ground, an orchard, pasture and a close called Ley Close, all which premises are at Ashbrooke in the parish of Marston Mortain.

No. 130. **4 May, 1716.**—Lease by Robert Baskerfeild of Leighton Bussard, gentleman, to Thomas Woodcraft of Marston Mortaine, yeoman, of the foregoing premises, which the said Robert lately purchased of the said Thomas.

No. 131. **14 May, 1718.**—Deed declaring the uses of a fine levied between the said Robert Baskerfeild and William Temple of Buckingham in the county of Buckingham, and Nicholas Merwin of Winslow in the county of Buckingham, gentleman, of a mesuage, etc., in Marston Mortaine.

No. 132. **The Morrow of the Ascension, 1718.**—Fine between the said William Temple, esquire, and Nicholas Merwin, gentleman, plaintiffs, and the said Robert Baskerfield, deforciant, of the said premises.

No. 133. **11 June, 1748.**—Lease by Thomas Baskerfeild of St. Andrew's Holborn, oilman, eldest son of Robert Baskerfield, late of Leighton Bussard, gentleman, deceased, and Mary formerly his wife, also deceased, formerly Mary Astley, spinster, to John Sleath of Colney Hatch in the parish of Fryern Barnett in the county of Middlesex, gentleman, of premises at Roxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine.

- No. 134. **13 June, 1748.** Release by the said Thomas Baskerfield to the said John Sleath of the said premises in Marston Moretaine.
- No. 135. **13 June, 1748.**—Counterpart of the above.
- No. 136. **26 December, 1750.**—Lease by John Sleath of Colney Hatch in the parish of Fryern Barnett in the County of Middlesex, gentleman, and Thomas Baskerfield of St. Andrew's Holborn, oilman (description as in 133) to John Nicoll of Hatton Garden in the parish of St. Andrew's, Holborn, gentleman, of premises at Roxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine.
- No. 137. **27 December, 1750.**—Release by the said John Sleath and the said Thomas Baskerfield to the said John Nicoll of the said premises in Marston Mortaine, by way of Mortgage.
- No. 138. **27 December, 1750.**—Copy of the foregoing.
- No. 139. **1 July, 1755.**—Lease by John Nicoll of Hatton Garden in the parish of St. Andrew, Holborn, gentleman, to Thomas Baskerfeild^r of the same, oilman (description as in No. 133) of premises in Roxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine.
- No. 140. **2 July, 1755.**—Release by the said John Nicoll to the said Thomas Baskerfeild of the said premises.
- No. 141. **18th—19th Century.**—Rough memoranda as to farm (unnamed) at Marston.

BUNDLE II.

Deeds, etc., relating to property in the town of Bedford.

- No. 1. **28 May, 1513.**—Grant by Robert West of St. Neots in the county of Huntingdon, to Robert Swetynge of Bedford, of a tenement with a garden in a street called “Shepyschepyng.” [Bounds given, but names of persons only].
[Seal.]

[Document attached]. **6 July, 1523.**—Grant by the said Robert Swetynge to Thomas West of Bedford, of the above premises.
[Seal.]

- No. 2. **5 March, 1531-2.**—Grant by Thomas West of Bedford, to Henry Pateman of the same, son of John Pateman, late of Bedford, William Forthe, and John Ward of the same, of a tenement with a garden in the street called “Shepyschepyng in the parish of St. Paul’s, Bedford, which the said Thomas had of Robert Swetynge.

- No. 3. **20 May, 1570.**—Grant by Henry Pateman of Bedford, butcher, to Thomas Hawes of the same, the elder, tanner, of a tenement with a garden and appurtenances in the street called “Shepyschepyng.”
[Seal.]

- No. 4. **28 May, 1570.**—Release by John Pateman of Bedford, butcher, to the said Thomas Hawes, of all his right in the foregoing premises.
[Seal.]

- No. 5. **23 January, 1603-4.**—Grant by Robert Ridge of Bedford, yeoman, to Robert Bamforth of the same, mercer, of a butcher’s shop and chamber over it, in the parish of St. Paul’s “in the neyther end of the shambles or Butcherowe there” next “a little passadg waye sometymes called the Turningegate, leadinge into the churchyard of St. Paule’s aforesaid, on the west parte.”
[Seal.]

- No. 6. **24 January, 1603-4.**—Release by Amy Ridge of Bedford, widow to Robert Bamforth of Bedford, mercer, of all her right, title and interest in the above premises.
- No. 7. **Michaelmas, 1616.**—Fine between Thomas Hutchinson, plaintiff, and William Waller and Elizabeth his wife, deforciant, of pasture in the parish of St. Paul's, Bedford.
- No. 8. **17 October, 1657.**—Mortgage by George Skelton of Bedford, baker, to Thomas Money of Kempston, gentleman, of premises in "Shepeschepning" *alias* Angel Street.
- No. 9. **20 October, 1658.**—Assignment by the said Thomas Money of Kempston, gentleman, to Robert Brook *alias* Little of Bedford, gentleman, of the foregoing premises.
- No. 10. **23 April, 1659.**—Assignment by the said Robert Brook *alias* Little of Bedford, gentleman, to Thomas Woodhame of Knotting, yeoman, of the foregoing premises.
- No. 11. **22 August, 1659.**—Indenture declaring the uses of a fine to be levied between Robert Bamforth, the elder, of Bedford, one of the aldermen of the said town, and Dorothy his wife, and Robert Bamforth, the younger, son and heir apparent of the said Robert, of the one part, and Anthony Harington of the same, cooper, and William Fenn of the same, haberdasher, of the other part, for provision of a jointure for Martha, wife of Paul Bamforth, one of the younger sons of the said Robert and Dorothy.
[Signatures.]
- No. 12. **27 January, 1662-3.**—Assignment by Robert Gale of Newnham in the parish of Goldington, yeoman, to William Foster of Bedford, gentleman, of all his interest in the premises in Sheeps-Cheaping otherwise Angell Street, mortgaged 17 October, 1657 (see No. 8) by George Skelton, to Thomas Money, and the fee simple thereof sold by the said George to Humphrey Skelton of Bedford, baker, 7 May, 1659.
[Seals.]
- No. 13. **5 September, 1674.**—Sale by Humphrey Skelton of Bedford, baker, to Edward Munnes of the same, cordwayner, of an orchard and appurtenances in Sheeps-Chipping in Bedford. [Bounds given].
- No. 14. **30 October, 1674.**—Mortgage by Humphrey Skelton of Bedford, baker, to Thomas Margetts of Bedford, gentleman, of messuages, etc., in Sheeps-Cheaping otherwise Angell Street.
- No. 15. **21 June, 1681.**—Sale by Humphrey Skelton of Bedford, baker, to Randall Tayler of the same, butcher, and Sarah his wife, of messuages, etc., in Sheeps-Cheaping *alias* Angel Street.

No. 16. **September, 1686.**—Assignment by Paul and William Bamforth to Samuel Male *alias* Morgan of Bedford, butcher, and Mary his wife, of a messuage called the Prince's Armes, and a butcher's shop (boundaries given) in the parish of St. Paul's, mortgaged by the said Paul to the said William Bamforth, 17 November, 1684.

No. 17. **12 February, 1699-1700.** — Exemplification of a recovery suffered in Hilary term 11 William III, of premises in the parish of St. Paul's, Bedford, by Randolph Taylor against John Pepiat, gentleman, Gilbert Tompkins and Abigail his wife, vouchees.

[Seal broken.]

No. 18. **28 September, 1727.**—Lease for eleven years by the Corporation of Bedford to Randall Taylor of Bedford, butcher, of "all that ground room under the west end of the Guildhall Chambers in the parish of St. Paul in the said town; inclosed about with a stone wall belonging to the foundation of the Guildhall buildings now used with the freehold messuage formerly of Mr. Paul Bamford and now of the said Randall Taylor, as a back room, which adjoyns southward upon the room or hall belonging to the said Randall Taylor, and eastward upon the partition of the town prison, called the Stonehouse, and northward upon the Stonehouse Lane; and also all that little yard in the same parish, adjoining and lying at the west end of the same ground room, the messuage late of Mr. William Beckett, now of Mrs. Mary Bell, late in the tenure of Dorothy Gascoigne, widow, lying south, the Stone House Lane, north, as the same is pailed in." Contains a covenant that the said Taylor shall resign the lease, should the Corporation rebuild the Guildhall.

[Corporation seal.]

[Endorsed.] "The lease for ye kitchen."

BUNDLE III.

Wills and Copies of Wills, proved in the Archdeacon's Court, Bedford, and at Lincoln, etc.

- No. 1. **14 July, 1641.**—Will of Robert Basterfield of Wroxhill in the parish of Marston Mortayne. Deals with property in Wroxhill, Marston Mortayne and Cranfield.
Proved 20 September, 1647.
- No. 2. **20 April, 1654**—Will of Stephen Cox of Kempston, weaver. Deals with property in Kempston. Inventory attached.
Proved 23 November, 1654.
- No. 3. **26 February, 1657-8.**—Will of William Allen of Kempston, yeoman. Deals with property in Kempston.
Proved 1 July, 1658.
- No. 4. **11 March, 1668-9.**—Copy of will of Henry Franklin, of Litlington, yeoman. Deals with property in Wroxhill in the parish of Marston Mortaine, and Litlington.
Proved 10 July, 1669.
- No. 5. **14 October, 1674.** Copy of the will of John Stevens of Roxhill in the parish of Marston Moorton, yeoman. Deals with property in Roxhill.
No date of proof.
- No. 6. **13 June, 1690.** Will of Thomas Woodcroft of Marston, labourer. Deals with property, not specified.
Proved 3 October, 1690.
- No. 6a. **17 February, 1696-7.**—Probate of the will of William Betts of Eaton Socon, "malster," granted to Elizabeth Allin, Mary Betts and Anne Betts, daughters.
- No. 7. **21 October, 1701.**—Will of Alice Bayly, of Bedford, widow. Deals with property, not specified.
Proved 11 March, 1701-2.

- No. 8. **31 January, 1714-15.**—Will of Thomas Basterfield of Leighton Bussard, gentleman. Deals with property, not specified.
Proved 7 November, 1715.
- No. 9. **7 August, 1718.**—Deed of Elizabeth Baskerfield and Mary Baskerfield, acknowledging the receipt of a legacy under the will of the late Robert Baskerfield.
- No. 10. **9 August, 1718**—Bond from Robert Baskerfield of Leighton Bussard, gentleman, to William Mead of Aylesbury in the county of Buckingham, and Alden Fuller of Newnton (*sic*) Longvile in the county of Buckingham, gentleman, to perform covenants.
- No. 11. **23 June, 1777.**—Will of William Parker of St. Paul's in the town of Bedford. Deals with property in "St. Loid's," Jail Lane, Angel Street and St. Paul's Churchyard, all in the town of Bedford.
Proved 6 April, 1785.

BUNDLE IV.

Admissions, etc., at the courts held for the manor of Kempston Dawbeny and St. John's.

- No. 1. **29 October, 1742.**—Court of William Dennis, esquire. Admission of John Taylor of Bedford, gentleman, to premises in Kempston, late in the possession of his brother, William Taylor of Bedford, butcher.
- Surrender by William Merrill and Sarah his wife, to Thomas Richards of Bedford, baker, of premises in Kempston.
- No. 2. **15 October, 1745.**—Court of the same. Surrender by Thomas Rolfe and Lucy his wife, of premises in Kempston and Elvestow, to the use of his will.
- No. 3. **1 July, 1748.**—Court of John Dennis, esquire. Admission of Elizabeth Lane to premises in Kempston on the death of Thomas Barringer, her father.
- No. 4. **15 August, 1754.**—Court of the same. Admission of Martha Lamb and Martha Pimplet to premises in Kempston, on the death of Mrs. Martha Leith.
- No. 5. **11 April, 1758.**—Court of the same. Admission of Richard Faunch to premises in Kempston, on the death of John Faunch, his father.
- No. 6. **27 January, 1766.**—Special court of the same. Admission of Sarah Ambridge to premises in Kempston on the death of her sister, Elizabeth Reynolds, and of her grandfather John Reynolds.
- No. 7. **27 January, 1766.**—Special court of the same. Admission of Sarah Ambridge to premises in Kempston on the death of her grandfather John Reynolds; and surrendered by her to the use of her husband Francis Ambridge.

- No. 8. **20 October, 1766.**—Court leet of the same. Admission of Francis Ambridge to property in Kempston on the surrender of his wife Sarah Ambridge.
- No. 9. **6 July, 1768.**—Court of the same. Admission of Joseph Lancaster to property in Woodend in the parish of Kempston on the death of his mother Mary Lancaster, widow.
- No. 10. **15 October, 1770.**—Court of the same. Admission of John Cater, esquire, to premises in Kempston on the death of Beckford Kendall Cater, his father.
- No. 11. **5 July, 1771.**—Copy of surrender, by Francis Ambridge, of arable land lying in the several common fields of Kempston, called Postlow, March, Great Ham and Stone Fields. The said Francis was admitted to the lands in October 1766 on surrender by Sarah Ambridge his wife, who was the devisee in fee of John Reynolds, her grandfather, and who was admitted under his will in January 1766.
- No. 12. **13 May 1778.**—Court leet of Robert Denis, esquire. Admission of John Cater, esquire, to premises in Kempston on the surrender of John Kendall Cater, esquire, his father.
- No. 13. **17 October, 1794.**—Court of the same. Admission of James Whittingstall and William Long to premises in Kempston, on the surrender of Thomas Jeffreys and Elizabeth his wife.
- No. 14. **17 October, 1794.**—Court of the same. Admission of William Long, esquire, to premises in Kempston, on the surrender of Robert Collinson of Newport Pagnell in the county of Buckingham, surgeon.
- No. 15. **17 October, 1794.**—Court of the same. Admission of John Davison to premises in Kempston on the surrender of Thomas Odell of Kempston, miller.
- No. 16. **8 July, 1802.**—Court of the same. Admission of Thomas Finch to premises in Kempston on the surrender of Thomas Jeffreys.
- No. 17. **13 October, 1802.** — Court of the same. Admission of Thomas Abbott Green of Ludgate Street, London, goldsmith, to premises in Kempston, surrendered 22 February last, by Robert Sherborne of Ravenhead in the county of Lancaster, and Sophia his wife, Frances Spencer of Sutton, widow, and Mary Cater of the same, spinster; and surrender by the said Thomas Abbott Green of the same premises to Lewis Bartram of Kempston, farmer, who is admitted tenant.

- No. 18. **13 October, 1802.**—Court of the same. Admission of William Long of Bedford, esquire, to premises in Kempston on the surrender of Robert Sherborne of Ravenhead in the county of Lancaster, and Sophia his wife, Frances Spencer of Sutton in the county of Lancaster, widow, and Mary Cater of Sutton, spinster.
- No. 19. **13 October, 1802.**—Court of the same. Admission of Isaac Barratt to premises in Kempston on the surrender of John Pateman.
- No. 20. **13 October, 1802.**—Court of the same. Admission of James White of Kempston, miller, to premises in Kempston on the surrender of Paul Price of Elstow, gentleman.
- No. 21. **13 October, 1802.**—Court of the same. Admission of Charles Maidling to premises in Kempston on the surrender of Thomas Finch.
- No. 22. **13 October, 1802.**—Court of the same. Admission of Samuel Whitbread, esquire, to premises in Kempston on the surrender of ——— King and Catherine King, his wife, she, the said Catherine, being tenant of the said premises.

BUNDLE V.

Admissions, etc., at the Courts held for the manor of Kempston Greys, otherwise Hastingbury.

- No. 1. **3 June, 1795.**—Court of Sophia, Frances and Mary Cater, ladies of the said manor. Admission of William Long of Bedford, brewer, on the surrender of Nathaniel Mason, gentleman, and others, to arable land in Kempston Greys.
- No. 2. **13 August, 1798.**—Court of Robert Sherborne and Sophia his wife, Frances Spencer, widow, and Mary Cater, spinster. Admission of John Milnes and Mary Selina his wife, to a close, etc., called Penny Land, held of the above manor, on the death of Mary Bell and Mary Gery.
- No. 3. **18 June, 1800.**—Court of the same. Admission of John Joyce of Kempston, shop-keeper, to a customary or copyhold cottage in Kempston surrendered by William Dudley.
- No. 4. **18 June, 1800.**—Court of the same. Admission of Carter Skevington to lands called Pennyland in Kempston Greys, under the will of Elizabeth Skevington and on the surrender of Thomas Wade and John Milnes, esquire, and his wife.
- No. 5. **2 October, 1801.**—Court of the same. Admission of Carter Skevington to lands at Penny Land in Kempston on the surrender of Thomas Wade.
- No. 6. **2 October, 1801.**—Court of the same. Admission of Eleanor Milnes to lands and pasture in Penny Land Copy on the deaths of Mary Bell and Mary Gery.
- No. 7. **2 October, 1801.**—Court of the same. Admission of Hester Wade Gery to land called Penny Land Copy in Kempstone on the deaths of Mary Bell and Mary Gery.

BUNDLE VI.

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**Admissions, etc., at the Courts
held for the manor of Kempston
Hardwick.**

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No. 1. **13 August, 1798.**—Court of Robert Sherborne and Sophia his wife, Frances Spencer, widow, and Mary Cater, spinster. It is presented that at the court held 7 December, 1731, Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Skevington, gentleman, Ann Carter, spinster, afterwards wife of John Peers, gentleman, Mary Carter, spinster, afterwards wife of Richard Bell, esquire, and Temperance Carter, spinster, afterwards wife of Thomas Wade, the four sisters and heirs of Thomas Carter, gentleman, deceased, were admitted tenants to lands and pasture in a place called the Box, in Kempston.

Admission of Mrs. Mary Selina Milnes to a portion of the premises which descended to her through her mother Mary Gery, daughter of the above Mary Bell.

No. 2. **18 June, 1800.**—Court of the same. Admission of Carter Skevington, son of the said Elizabeth, to portions of the foregoing premises, on the death of the said Temperance Wade and the surrender of William Goodall and Mary Selina Milnes.

No. 3. **2 October, 1801.**—Court of the same. Admission of the said Carter Skevington to a fourth part of the foregoing premises on the surrender of Thomas Wade.

No. 4. **2 October, 1801.**—Court of the same. Admission of Hester Gery to a portion of the foregoing premises on the deaths of Mary Gery and Mary Bell.

No. 5. **2 October, 1801.** Court of the same. Admission of Eleanor Milnes to a portion of the foregoing premises on the deaths of the said Mary Bell and Mary Gery.

BUNDLE VII.

Indentures, leases and releases, bonds, etc., relating to Keysoe.

- No. 1. **10 May, 1662.**—Bond given by John Cunnington of Keysoe, weaver, to Thomas Richards of the same, as to indenture of lease of the same date.
- No. 2. **9 March, 1688-9.**—Bond given by Peter Cunnington of Stoughton, labourer, to John Cunnington of Keysoe, labourer.
- No. 3. **28 March, 1688-9.**—Sale by John Cunington, the elder, of Keysoe, weaver, to John Cunington, the younger, of Keysoe, labourer, of a tenement or dwelling-house in Keysoe. [Bounds given].
- No. 4. **6 November, 1734.**—Indenture between John Conington of Keysoe, yeoman, and Martha his wife, of the one part, and Lawrence Peak of Thurleigh, yeoman, of the other part. Mortgage of premises in Keysoe. [Bounds given.]
- Nos. 5 and 6. **22 and 23 October, 1742.**—Lease and release by John Cunington of Keysoe, yeoman, and Martha his wife, to Laurence Peak of Thurleigh, yeoman, of a messuage, etc., in Keysoe.

BUNDLE VIII.

**Grants, etc., relating to Bedford, Wretchwick,
Dunstable, Kempston, Elstowe, Cardington,
Goldington, Fenlake, Houghton Conquest
and Litlington.**

No. 1. **Circa A.D. 1204.**—Grant by Richard de Campvill and his wife, Eustachia Bassett, to the church and canons of St. Mary and St. Edburg of Burnecestra, [Bicester], of a moiety of the manor of "Wrechewic" with the wood of Gravenhull.‡
[Seals.]

No. 2. **A.D. 1433-4.**—Grant by William Hale of Bedford, glover, and Joan his Wife, to John Bylcok and Simon Bylcok of Houghton Conquest, and William Hunte of Bedford, draper, of a tenement in the parish of St. Peter's Dunstable, between the tenement of the Abbott and Convent of Pypwell on the one part, and that of Nicholas Herner on the other part.
[Seals.]

No. 3. **10 April, 1510.**—Receipt by William Gascoigne, esquire, for £13 6s. 8d. received from John Rolt of Bedford for a tenement in Bedford.
[Seal.]

No. 4. **6 April, 1575.**—Sale by Thomas Fitzwilliam of Queynton Mallett in the county of Buckingham, husbandman, to Henry Alen of Kempston of pieces of land called Wigbrokes otherwise Wichebrokes, Westlayes, and Challey (the last named lying upon le Boxe Hylle) in Kempston, and of other land lying upon le Boxe (described), all which premises were lately parcel of the manor of Kempston Dawbeny.
[Signature.]

No. 5. **4 November, 1592.**—Sale by Bartholomew Ferris of Kempston, gentleman, and George Allen of Kempston, husbandman, to Henry Coxo of Stadgeden, husbandman, of a messuage and land called Westleyes in Kempston, abutting upon Broadwaye towards the south.

[Signatures and portions of Seals.]

‡ See full translation B.

- No. 6. **4 November, 1592.**—Bond given by the said George Allen to the said Henry Coxe, concerning the above indenture.
- No. 7. **4 November, 1592.**—Bond given by the said Bartholomew Ferris to the said Henry Coxe.
- No. 8. **November 1593.**—Fine between Henry Coxe, plaintiff, and Bartholomew Ferrys, gentleman, and Francis, his wife, and George Allen and Elizabeth his wife, deforciant, of premises in Kempston.
- No. 9. **November 1593.**—Counterpart of the above fine.
- No. 10. **6 May, 1602.**—Livery of seisin to Richard, son of Henry Alley, deceased, of lands lying in the manor of Kempston. §
[Seal.]
- No. 10a. **3 January, 1603-4.**—Bond given by Robert Ridge of Bedford, yeoman to Robert Bamforth of the same, mercer, concerning a butcher's shop and chamber over it, in the Shambles or "Butcherowe" in Bedford.
[Seal.]
- No. 11. **20 March, 1607-8.**—Settlement by Richard Allen of Kempston, husbandman, son and heir of Henry Allen, deceased, upon his marriage with Alice, daughter of William Browne of Kempston, of premises in Kempston.
- No. 12. **Easter 1648.**—Fine between Robert Griffith and Edward Miller, Plaintiffs, and Sir Henry Campion, knight, and Anne his wife, deforciant, of ten messuages and land in the parish of Christchurch within Newgate [*Noram Portam*] in the county [*sic*] of London, and of eight messuages, lands, and rent in Bedford, Biddenham otherwise Budham, Kempston, Elverstowe otherwise Elstoe, Fenlake, Sandy, Cardington, Pulloxhill and Maldon, and of fairs [*nundinis*] with appurtenances in Bedford.
- No. 13. **27 June, 1649.**—Indenture between Richard Allen of Kempston, yeoman and Francis Bickley of London, esquire, and William Yarway of Kempston, gentleman; post-nuptial settlement by the said Richard and Alice, his wife, upon William Allen, his son and heir, and Judith [Yarway?], his wife. Premises in Westend in the parish of Kempston and a close called Westleyes adjoining.
[Signature and seal.]
- No. 14. **22 May, 1651.**—Bond given by Thomas Musgrave of Bedford, tailor, to John and William Taylor sons of Randall Taylor of Bedford, butcher.

- No. 15. **9 October, 1654.**—Bond given by Robert Bamforth, alderman of Bedford, to Henry Pateman otherwise Patenam of the same, butcher.
- No. 16. **8 June, 1669.**—Copy of lease by William Campion of Combwell in Gowthurst, in the county of Kent, esquire, Edward Campion, of Itchingham, in the county of Sussex, the elder, gentleman and Edward Campion, the younger, of Combwell aforesaid, gentleman, brother of the said William, to John Cobb of Sharnebrooke, gentleman, and Paul Cobb of Oakleye, of their shares in a capital messuage known as St Leonard's, with the gardens, etc., belonging, lying in the parish of St. John. in the town of Bedford, and in the parishes of Cardington, and Kempston; the fair called St. Leonard's Fair; and certain lands, etc., in the parishes of Cardington, or Elstowe, and in Bedford Feild, in the parishes of St. Peter, St. Paul and St. Cuthbert in the town of Bedford, and land in the common fields of Budham *alias* Biddenham; and in the "feild" of Sandy.
- No. 17. **10 June, 1669.**—Copy of indenture of release by Richard Wynne of Lincolne's Inne in the county of Middlesex, to the said John and Paul Cobb, of the said premises, mortgaged to the said Richard by the said William Campion 18, June, 1664.
- No. 18. **12 June, 1669.**—A copy of a release by the said William Campion to the said John and Paul Cobb, of the said premises.
- No. 19. **Martinmas 1670.**—Fine between Sir John Kelynge, knight, and John Barton, serjeant-at-law, plaintiffs, and Paul Cobb, gentleman, and Mary, his wife, deforciant, of premises in Bedford, Biddenham, Kempston, Elvestoe, Fenlake, Cardington, Pollexhill and Maulden, and of fairs [*nundinis*] with appurtenances in Bedford.
- No. 20. **12 July, 1681.**—Fine between Ranulph Tayler, plaintiff, and Humphrey Skelton and Mary his wife, deforciant, of a messuage with appurtenances in Bedford.
- No. 21. **A.D. 1681.**—Bond given by Humphrey Skelton of Bedford, baker, to Ranulph Taylor of the same, butcher and Sarah his wife.
- No. 22. **A.D. 1684.**—Bond given by Paul Bamforth of Bedford, grocer to William Bamforth of the same, grocer concerning a messuage and two butcher's shops in Bedford.
- No. 23. **A.D. 1689.**—Bond given by Samuel Morgan otherwise Mayle, to Randolph Tayler, both of Bedford, woollen drapers.

No. 24. **27 November, 1690.**—Grant by Ralph Hough, of Kingston-on-Thames, esquire, and Ursula his wife, (widow of Francis Barton, late of Middle Temple, deceased, son and heir of John Barton, serjeant-at-law, also deceased), and Michael Newman, of the Inner Temple, esquire, and Mary, his wife, (daughter and heir of the said Francis Barton and Ursula), to William Baker of Budgerow in the city of London and Benjamin Trimme, of Wood Street in the said city, gentleman, of a messuage or farm called St. Leonard's, with appurtenances, and land adjoining, a piece of land called Pileroft, land in Fenlake Meadow, Kempston Meadow and Lounholme, a close called Jewells, arable land in the common fields of Bedford, Cardington, Elstow and Kempston, messuages, lands, etc., in the parishes of St. John's in the town of Bedford, Cardington, Elstow and Kempston, the fair called St. Leonard's Fair and the profits thereof, a messuage in Fenlake, closes of meadow pertaining in Fenlake and Harrowden, two acres in Elstow Meadow, closes of pasture called Benyon's, and messuages and lands in Pulloxhill and Maulden; in order that a recovery of the premises may be had to the use of the said Ralph and Ursula.

No. 25. **Trinity, 1692.**—Fine between John Eston, esquire, plaintiff and Ralph Hough, esquire, and Ursula his wife, deforciant, of premises in Cardington, Harrowden, Fenlake and Elstoe and the town of Bedford.

No. 26. **Trinity, 1692.**—Counterpart of the above fine.

Nos. 27 **1 and 2 July, 1692.**—Lease and release :—Ralph Hough, of Kingston-on-Thames, in the county of Surrey, esquire, and Ursula his wife, to John Eston, of Bedford, esquire, of a messuage lately erected, farm, and tenement in Harrowden, in the parish of Cardington, late in the occupation of Robert Wiltshire, yeoman, and heretofore in that of John Stretts, an "ancient messuage" or farm-house in Fenlake, in the same parish, and various closes of meadow and pasture ground to the same belonging; a meadow ground in Elstoe Meadow containing about two acres; sundry arable lands and "ley ground," containing one hundred and sixty acres, lying "dispersed" in the common fields of Cardington, Elstoe and Bedford; certain closes of pasture called Benyons otherwise Bunnyons, containing twenty acres; and a cottage at Fenlake formerly in the tenure of John Knott and afterwards in that of the said Robert Wiltshire.

Attached to No. 28 is a schedule of the deeds, etc., concerning the title of (amongst other things) the messuages, cottages, etc., conveyed by the abovesaid Ralph and Ursula Hough to the above said John Eston; the earliest being a fine levied in the Michaelmas term, 15 James I.

[Signature and seals.]

- No. 29. **2 July, 1692.**—Indenture of sale of lands, etc., as in the foregoing, with a memorandum of endorsement on the Close Roll on the 23rd July, 1692.
- No. 30. **21 April, 1696.**—Deed declaring the uses of a fine to be levied between Richard Propp, of Burford, and Elizabeth his wife, Randolph Dawson, of Chatteris, labourer and Judith, his wife, of the one part, and Thomas Scott of Bedford, labourer, of the other part. Premises in St. Cuthbert's parish, Bedford.
- No. 30a. **Trinity, 1697.**—Fine between John Larkins and....., plaintiffs, and William Baker and Martha, his wife, deforciant, of premises in Kempston. [Very illegible in parts.]
- No. 31. **Hilary, 1699-1700.**—Fine between Thomas Halsey, esquire, John Whitbread and Richard Watford, plaintiffs, and Francis Ford, gentleman, and Elizabeth, his wife, deforciant, of land in Goldington and Ravensden.
- No. 32. **13 May, 1700.**—Exemplification of a recovery, suffered in Easter term, 12 William III., of premises in the town of Bedford, in Elvestoe, Cardington, Fenlake, Harrowden, Old Warden and Hill, by Thomas Perring against Francis Child, gentleman; William Nichols, vouchee.
- No. 33. **14 June, 1704.**—Mortgage by Francis Brace, of Bedford, gentleman, trustee of Alice Bayly, late of Bedford, widow, deceased, cousin and heir of Thomas Gibbs, late of Bedford, gentleman, to Elizabeth Rolt, of Bedford widow, of premises in the High Street called "the Maidenhead" and certain fisheries, rushbeds, etc., in the river Ouze in St. Mary's parish, Bedford.
- No. 34. **Michaelmas, 1708.**—Fine between Richard Blower, gentleman, plaintiff, and William Hobbs, gentleman, and Elizabeth, his wife, deforciant, of eight messuages and land in the vill of Bedford, Elvestoe otherwise Elstow, Cardington, Fenlake, Harrowden, Old Warden and Hill.
- No. 35. **Michaelmas,¹ 1708.**—Counterpart of above.
- No. 36. **29 November, 1708.**—Exemplification of a recovery, suffered in Michaelmas term 7 Anne, of premises as in No. 32, by William Beckett, gentleman; against Richard Blower, gentleman; William Hobbs, gentleman, and Elizabeth his wife, vouchees.
- No. 36a. **1 April, 1739.**—Indenture between John Taylor of Bedford, butcher, and Anne, his wife, of the first part, John Peppiatt, of the same, gentleman, of the second part, and Charles Fletcher, of Clophill, clerk, of the third part. Deed declaring the uses of a

fine and recovery levied and suffered by the said John Taylor and Anne, his wife to the said John Peppiatt of a messuage in Cross End in the parish of Thurley, a close called Cox's Pightle, a messuage in Park End, in the same parish, arable land in the common fields, etc., of Thurley, arable land in the town and common fields, parish and precincts of Great Barford, and of arable land in the common fields of Houghton Conquest, etc.

- No. 37. **23 September, 1743.**—Lease by William Hanwell, of Litlington gentleman, to George Hanwell, of Heath, in the parish of Leighton Bussard. Premises [named] in Litlington for the term of one year.
- No. 38. **24 September, 1743.**—Settlement on the marriage of William Litlington, gentleman, with Elizabeth Pearse, of Heath, spinster. Premises (named) in Litlington.
- No. 39. **24 September, 1743.**—Counterpart of foregoing.

BUNDLE IX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- No. 1. **Late seventeenth century.**—Table of fees in the court of the Archdeacon of Bedford.
- No. 2. **A.D. 1798.**—Accounts of Lawrence Markham, for hedging and ditching.
- No. 3. **A.D. 1849.**—Apprenticeship bond; George, son of Thomas King, of Bromham, gardener, to John Smith, of Bromham, boot and shoemaker.

BEDFORDSHIRE DEEDS.

TRANSLATIONS

A. to D.

A.**TRANSLATION of Document, BUNDLE 1, No 1.**

11 June, 1306.

Know all present to come that I Philip son of William the clerk, of Wroxhull have given and granted and by this my present charter have confirmed to Thomas Aspelon, of the same, and Margaret his wife, and to the heirs of the said Thomas, one selion lying upon Wotton-hull, between the land of the aforesaid Thomas on the one part and the land of John Robechok on the other. To have and to hold the aforesaid selion, of the chief lord of the fee, to them and the heirs, of the aforesaid Thomas or their assigns, rfeely, quietly, well and in peace, for ever. Doing therefore yearly to the chief lord of the fee the service due. And I the aforesaid Phillip and my heirs will warrant and defend the aforesaid selion with the appurtenances to the aforenamed Thomas and Margaret his wife, and the heirs of the aforesaid Thomas, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof to this present charter I have set my seal. These being witnesses—Richard son of the lord Ralph de Merston (?), Alan le Welie, Guy the Clerk, Phillip Richard, Robert son of Roger de Scelton, and others. Given at Wroxhull on Saturday the feast of St. Barnabas, the Apostle in the thirty-fourth year of the reign of King Edward.

B.**TRANSLATION of Document, BUNDLE 8, No 1.****Circa, A.D. 1204.†**

To all the sons of Holy Mother Church to whom this present writing shall come, Richard de Campvill and Eustachia Basset, his wife, greeting in the Lord. Know ye all that we, by the intuition of Divine piety, and for the souls of our ancestors, and for the soul of Richard de Campvill, our son, have given and granted and by this our present charter have confirmed to God and the church of St. Mary and St. Eadburga of Burnecestra (Bicester) and the canons there serving God, that moiety of the manor of Wrechewic* which Gilbert Basset retained to himself from the other moiety, at the time at which Eustachia, his daughter, married, with all the wood of Gravenhull, in pure and perpetual alms. To have and to hold for ever to the same canons of us and our heirs, freely and quietly, peacefully and honourably, in wood and plain, meadows and pastures, ways and paths, waters and marshes and in all places, and all liberties and free customs to the aforesaid land pertaining, free and quit from all service and secular demand. And I, Richard de Campvill, and Eustachia, my wife and our heirs, will warrant the aforesaid land with the aforesaid wood of Gravenhull, and with all their appurtenances, to the aforesaid canons of Burnecestra against all men; and that this our gift, grant and confirmation may obtain the perpetual strength of firmness, we have fortified these things by this present deed and our seals affixed. These being witnesses:—Robert de Aumare, Robert, his son, Ralph, the Clerk, son of the same, Robert, son of Amaur, Otwell de Insula, Henry de Audeli, Henry de Rokeby, Robert de Rokebi, his brother, Ralph de Marchhamel, Robert de Bakepus, Gent' the Eschivin, Hubert de Midelington and many others.

Seals (broken) of Richard de Campvill
(a horse), and of Eustachia Bassett (the
standing figure of a woman).

† According to Bishop White Kennett (History of Bicester and places adjacent) Gilbert Bassett, the founder of the Bicester Priory, in 1182, died in the year 1203; other charters relating to Wrechewick are printed by him in this work.

* Wrechewick, a hamlet of Bicester.

C.

TRANSLATION of Document, BUNDLE 1, No. 2.

12 November, 1339.

Know all present and to come that I John Pynnok, of Over-shelton, have given and granted and by this my present charter have confirmed to John Everard, of Pynnokesende and Ida his wife, all those lands and tenements which I had in the fields and hamlet of Pynnokesende of the grant of the aforesaid John Everard. To have and to hold all those lands and tenements with all their appurtenances to the aforesaid John and Ida and the heirs between them lawfully begotten, of the chief lord of the fee by the service therefor due. And I the aforesaid John Pynnok and my heirs will warrant the aforesaid lands and tenements to the aforesaid John and Ida, and the heirs between them lawfully begotten, in form aforesaid. In witness whereof I have set my seal to this charter. These being witnesses:—Thomas Rich, John Alen, William Applon, Robert C....., John Manhot, and others. Given at Pynnokesende on the morrow of St. Martin, in the thirty-third year of the reign of King Edward the Third after the conquest.

D.**TRANSLATION of Document, BUNDLE 8, No. 10.**

6 May, 1602.

Elizabeth, by the grace of God, Queen of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, etc., to her escheator in the county of Bedford, greeting. Whereas by a certain inquisition before John Harvey, esquire, late our escheator of our county of Bedford aforesaid, taken by our command, after the death of a certain Henry Alleyn, and returned into our Chancery, among other things it may be found that the same Henry died seised, in his demesne, as of fee, of and in one messuage, twelve acres of pasture, and three acres of land, with appurtenances, in Kempston, late parcel of the manor of Kempston, in our county aforesaid, held of us as of our honour of Huntingdon by an unknown part of a knight's fee; and that the aforementioned Henry died, seised of the premises, on the thirtieth day of August, in the twenty fourth year of our reign, Richard Alleyn, his son and next heir, being, on the first day of November in the twenty sixth year of our reign, of the age of six years, and because the same Richard has attained his full age of twenty one years, as by the certificate of the master and officers of our court of Wards and Liveries, remaining of record in our chancery, fully appears; and likewise we have received the fealty of the same Richard due to us in that behalf; We command you that without delay you amove our hands from the premises, whatsoever, with the appurtenances, in your bailiwick, which, as well by the death of the aforementioned Henry as by reason of the minority of age of the aforementioned Richard, were taken into our hands, and in our hands as yet are; and that, in no wise you intermeddle therewith further in anything; saving the right of us and of others whomsoever; you delivering to the same Richard, as is just, the issues which you have received, if any, from the same premises, with appurtenances, from the said time of the death of the aforesaid Henry until the fifteenth day of February last past, which you shall deliver to the same Richard. Witness ourself at Westminster on the sixth day of May in the forty-fourth year of our reign.

By bill in the Court of Wards and Liveries, etc.

EGERTON

(Seal broken)

[Endorsed.] Enrolled before the Auditor of the Court of Wards and Liveries in Easter term in the forty-fourth year of the reign of the lady the now Queen Elizabeth, 1602.

Examined by WALTER TOOKE,

Auditor of the Court of Wards.

Enrolled in the memoranda of the Exchequer of the forty-fourth year of the now Queen Elizabeth, that is to say, amongst the records of the term of Easter, roll—, on the part of the Remembrancer of the Treasurer.

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